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SEED VILLAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Seed Villages in every State;

(b) if so, the number of Seed Villages set up as on date State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Seed Villages to produce quality seeds; and

(d) the details of central assistance extended to these Seed Villages to boost seed production during last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The Government of India under its Scheme `Development and Strengthening Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds` provides assistance for establishing seed villages in all States/Union Territories.

(b) to (d): Foundation seed/certified seed is distributed at 50% cost to farmers in seed villages. Training is given to farmers on seed production and seed technology in three stages viz

(i) one day training at the time of sowing on seed production techniques, isolation distance, sowing practices and other agronomic practices to be followed for the given crop

(ii) second one day training during flowering stage to identify `off` types, rogues and removal of these plants from seed plot, plant protection measures and harvesting methods

(iii) third one day training after harvest for seed cleaning, grading, treating, packing and storage. The details of central assistance extended to these seed villages to boost seed production during last three years and the current year is at Annexure.